



(COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY / ORGANIZATION) Celebrates International Education Week by hosting Passport to the World Event

In recognition of International Education Week (IEW) (COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY / ORGANIZATION) will host Passport to the World on November (XX), 2015, at (LOCATION). Through Passport to the World, (ORGANIZATION) will increase awareness of education abroad opportunities and provide information to students about how to obtain a U.S. passport.

(COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/ORGANIZATION) is doing its part to increase the number of U.S. students that take advantage of education abroad programs. We recognize that students who participate in education abroad gain the knowledge, skills, and self-reliance that are needed to compete in today's globalized economy. One of the first steps in the process is obtaining a valid passport.

U.S. higher education institutions, including (COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/ORGANIZATION), play an important role in making education abroad accessible to U.S. students representing the full diversity of our society. International experiences connect students, scholars, and emerging world leaders, enabling them to collaborate and tackle today's challenges like workforce development, climate change, and global health. By welcoming international students who are attracted to the excellence and diversity of U.S. higher education institutions, and encouraging U.S. students to participate in education abroad, we create a more secure and stable world.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Education, International Education Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. Since beginning in 2000, it is now celebrated in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit www.eca.state.gov/iew.

More information about applying for a passport can be found in the FAQ section of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Passport Services <u>website</u>. For more information on safe travel see the Overseas Citizens Service <u>website</u>.

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